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**BAYSIDE, NEW YORK ELECTRICIAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD  
PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that 31-year-old Michael Scott Mcauley appeared before United States Alia Ludlum yesterday and pled guilty to interstate transportation of child pornography charges.

On August 28, 2007, the defendant entered the United States from Mexico, via the Del Rio, Texas, Port of Entry in a 1999 Chevrolet Blazer. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents found child pornography on a an external hard drive found in the defendant's vehicle.

Further examination by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Eagle Pass Computer Forensic Agent found the defendant's external hard drive contained over 101,000 still pictures of child pornography of which 1,688 were identified as "hardcore." Further, on that same hard drive, 890 videos of child pornography were located, of which 381 were identified as "hardcore." The images and videos contained on the defendant's external hard drive included portrayals of sadistic or masochistic conduct.

Sentencing in this case has been set for May 18, 2009, where Mcauley faces between five and twenty years in federal prison. This Project Safe Childhood case is being investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney Katy Risinger.

Project Safe Childhood (PSC) aims to combat the proliferation of technology-facilitated sexual exploitation crimes against children. The threat of sexual predators soliciting children for physical sexual contact is well-known and serious; the danger of the production, distribution, and possession of child pornography is equally dramatic and disturbing. The response to these growing problems must be coordinated, comprehensive, and robust. It must aim to investigate and prosecute vigorously, and protect and assist victimized children. At the same time, it must recognize the need for a broad, community-based effort to protect our children and to guarantee to future generations the opportunities of the American dream.

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